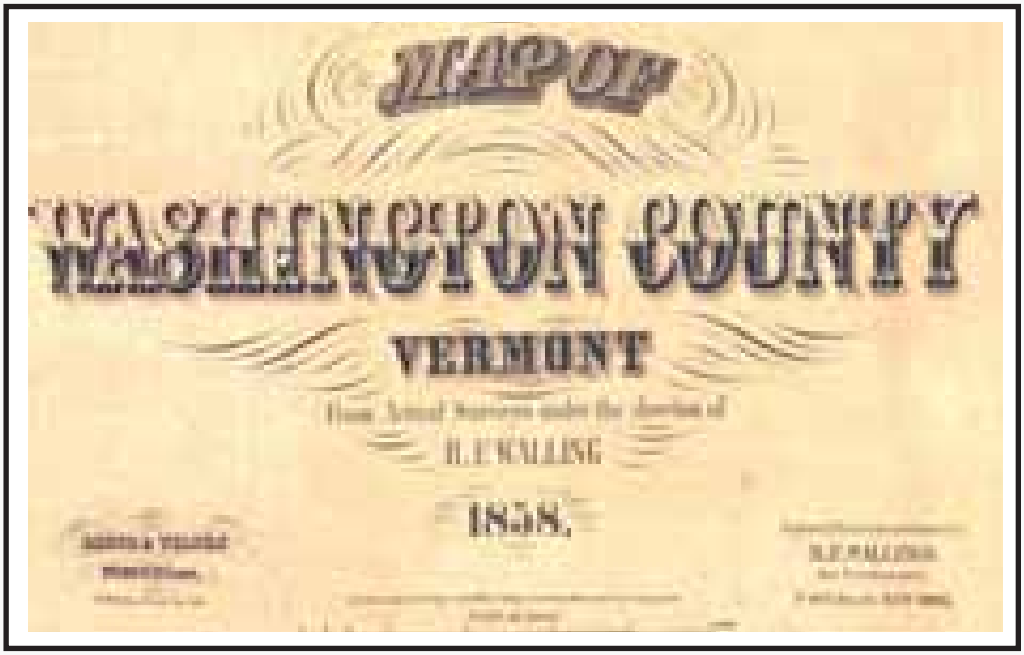
Map of Washington County VT 1858



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A complete copy of the 1858 county map by H.F. Walling showing the names and locations of 1000s of houses, businesses, churches and schools as they were a century and a half ago. The 1858 map was the first comprehensive road map of the 21 towns of Washington County.

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Town Outline Map

The Map of Washington County - 1858

The original map is a large wall map - measuring about 4’ x 5’. This reproduction uses portions of two different original maps as is seen in this composite image. The original map has been “taken apart” for this edition by scanning into 45 separate images.

Each town map is on its own page. Some towns use two or more pages (those with village detail maps), and three towns have Business Directories. A detailed Table of Contents is supplied. Some interesting factual data is found on the Table of Statistics. At the end of this book are several pictorial engravings of prominent buildings.

An Historical Sketch of The Map

The Map of Washington County, Vermont 1858 is an important historical document. It was the result of the most comprehensive survey made to that date of the 21 towns in Washington County. The map pinpoints the names and locations of every residence, workplace, church and school.

This map is one of several Vermont county maps created in the 1850s- a period of extraordinary map-making in America. The author of this map, Henry F. Walling, was one of the leaders of the county map-making business. Walling, whose home base was New York City, produced seven other Vermont county wall maps, as well as a number in neighboring states.

Few details of this map's origins are known, but we do know the general methods used for these projects. Roads were measured with a wheel odometer, similar to the wheelbarrow-like device pictured here, or one drawn by horse and buggy.

The surveyor would ask the names of farmstead owners as he passed by, and would surely add a brief sales pitch for the new map... after all, the map would carry the name of the resident, engraved upon it. The original road surveys for this privately-produced map were the most comprehensive yet made. This map served as the basis for later mapping for decades afterwards.

Publication was announced in local newspapers, and local offices were set up where advance orders for the new map could be taken. A typical mid-1850s price was five dollars per copy. Prominent citizens allowed their names to be used in the map's advertisements, testifying to the merits of the map, and no doubt assuring it of financial success.On some maps pictures of the homes of prominent citizens were added for a fee, although this was not the case with the Washington County map. The four inages in the map's corners are of the State Capitol and three schools, and it may be that they were printed without charge. The map was printed on four separate sheets (probably on large stone printing plates) and assembled and glued together onto a cloth backing. Each copy was then hand-colored in several different hues, varnished, and mounted on wooden rollers. Walling filed his completed map with the District Court (where copyrights were registered in the mid 1800s) on July 14, 1858.

List of Vermont County Maps

County(s)	Year	Surveyor	Publisher
Rutland	1854	Chace, J., Jr.	Chace & Scott
Windsor	1855/6	Doton, Hosea	n.a
Bennington	1856	Walling, H.F.	Peckham, C.B.
Windham	1856	Chace, J., Jr.	McClellan, C., & Co.
Addison	1857	Walling, H.F.	Baker, Wm. & Co.
Franklin & Grand Isle	1857	Walling, H.F.	Baker, Tilden &
Chittenden	1857	Walling, H.F.	Baker, Tilden &
Orange	1858	Walling, H.F.	Baker & Tilden
Washington	1858	Walling, H.F.	Baker & Tilden
Caledonia	1858	Walling, H.F.	Baker & Tilden
Orleans, Lamoille & Essex	1859	Walling, H.F.	Loomis & May

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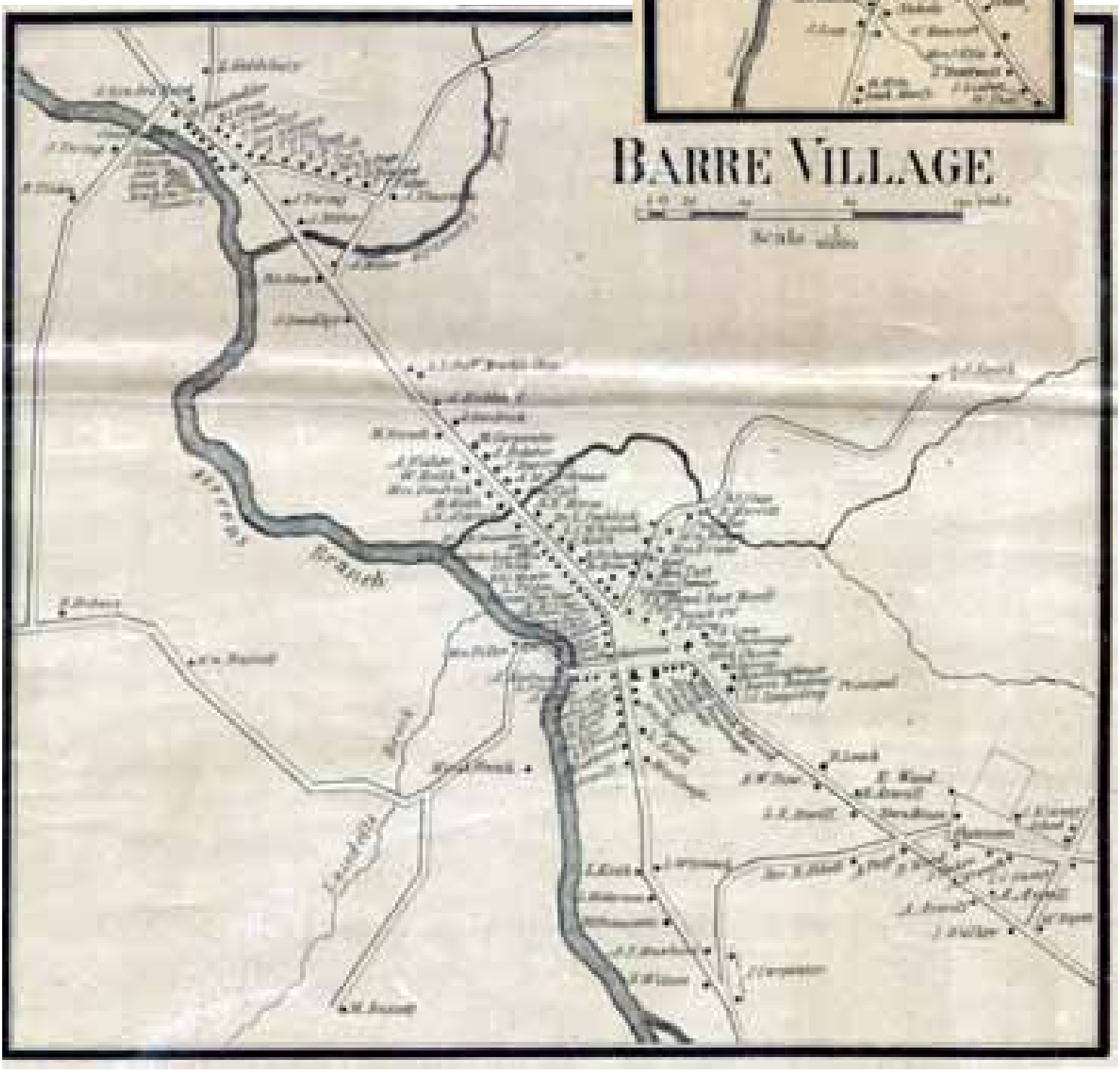
South Barre



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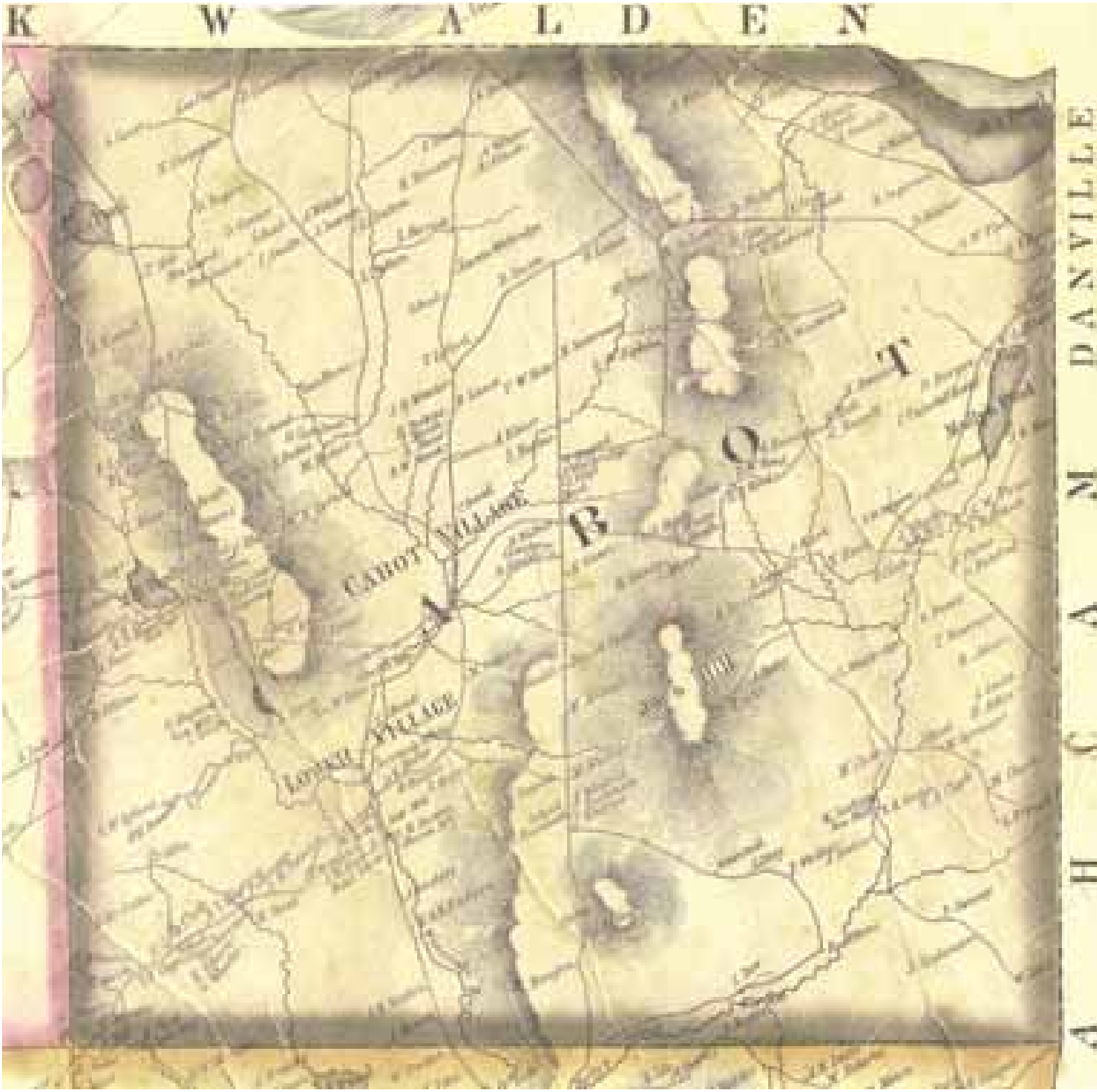
BERLIN

Berlin Corner

CABOT



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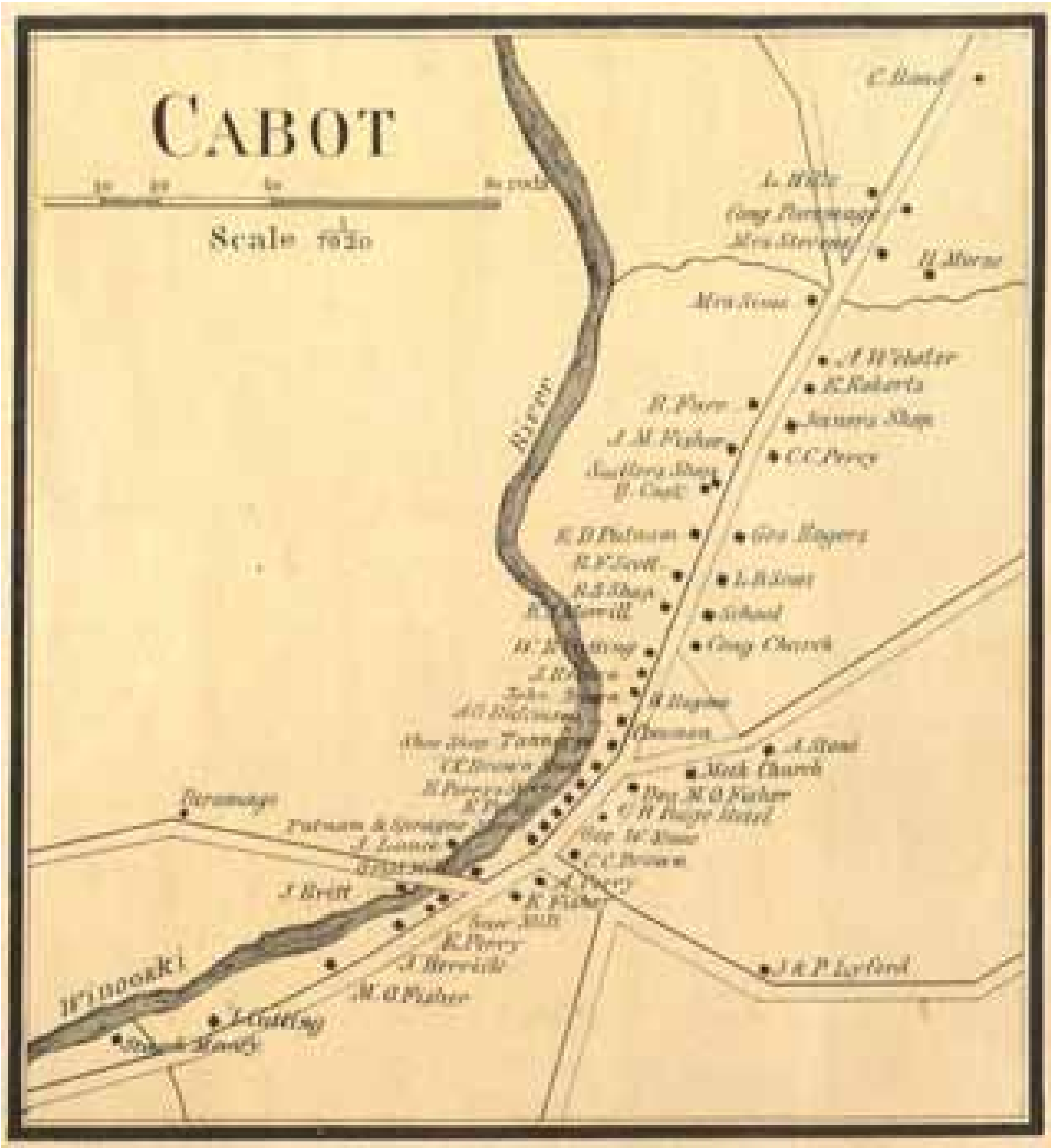
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WINOOSKI
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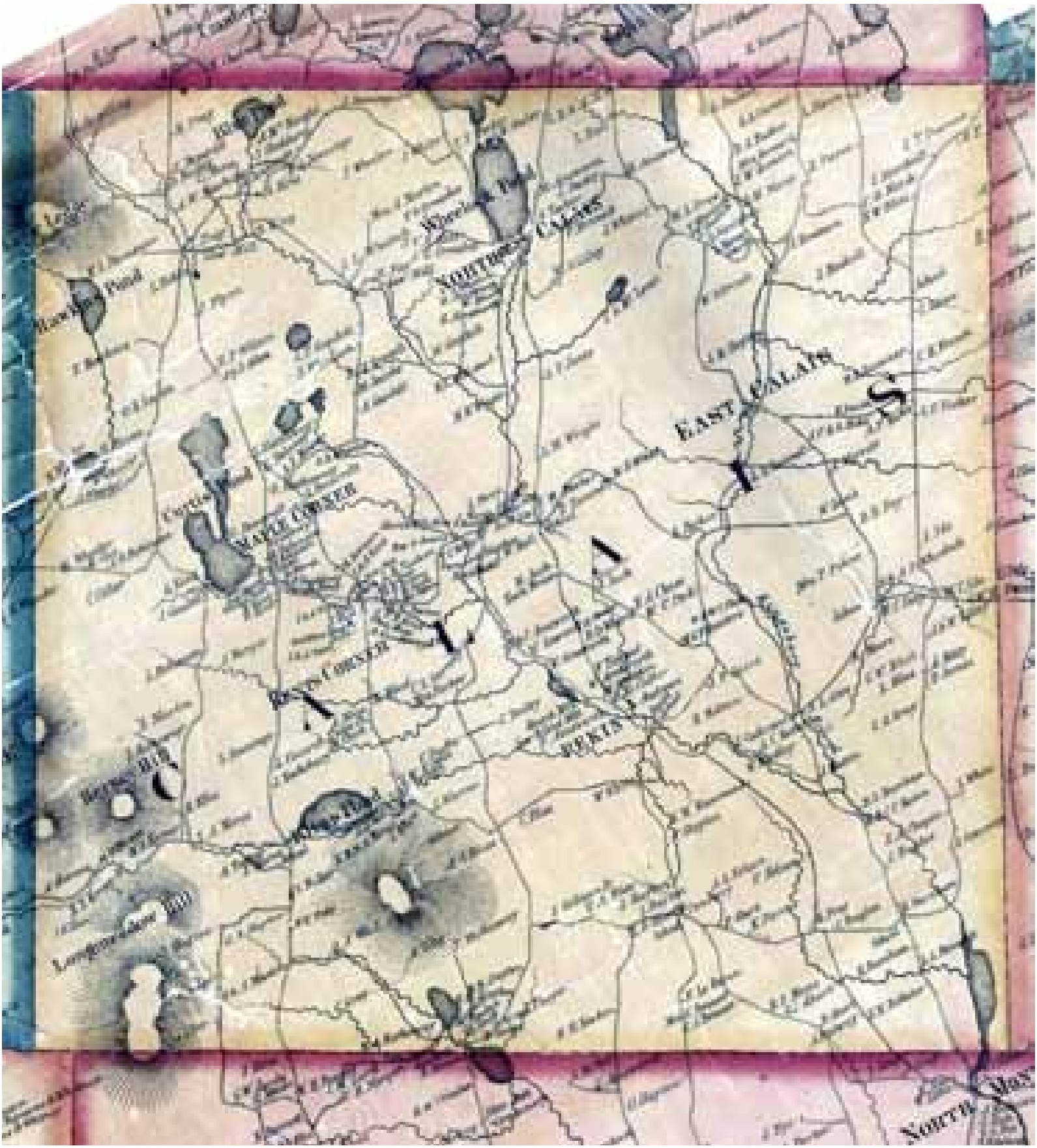
CALAIS



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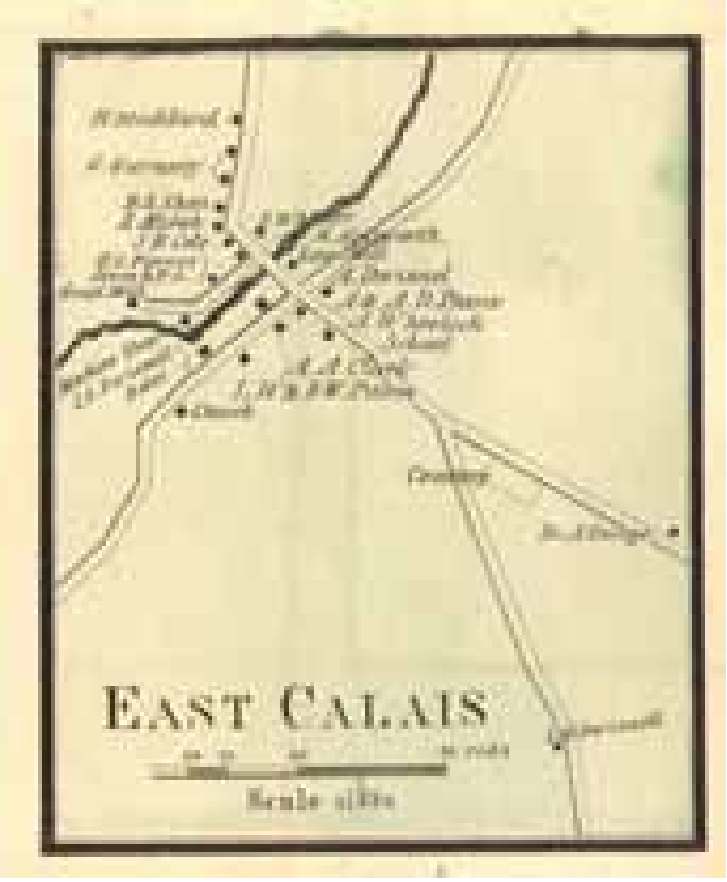

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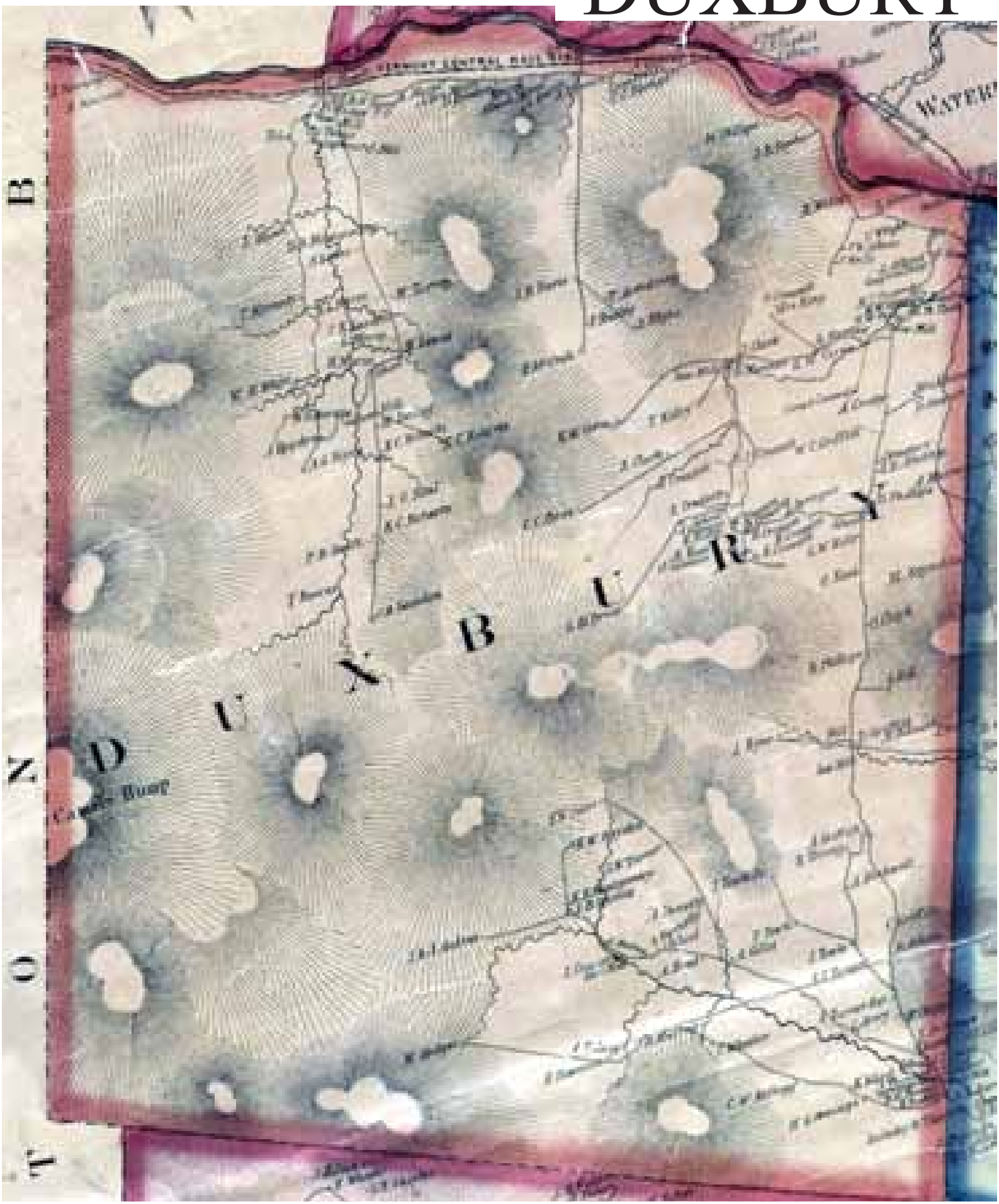

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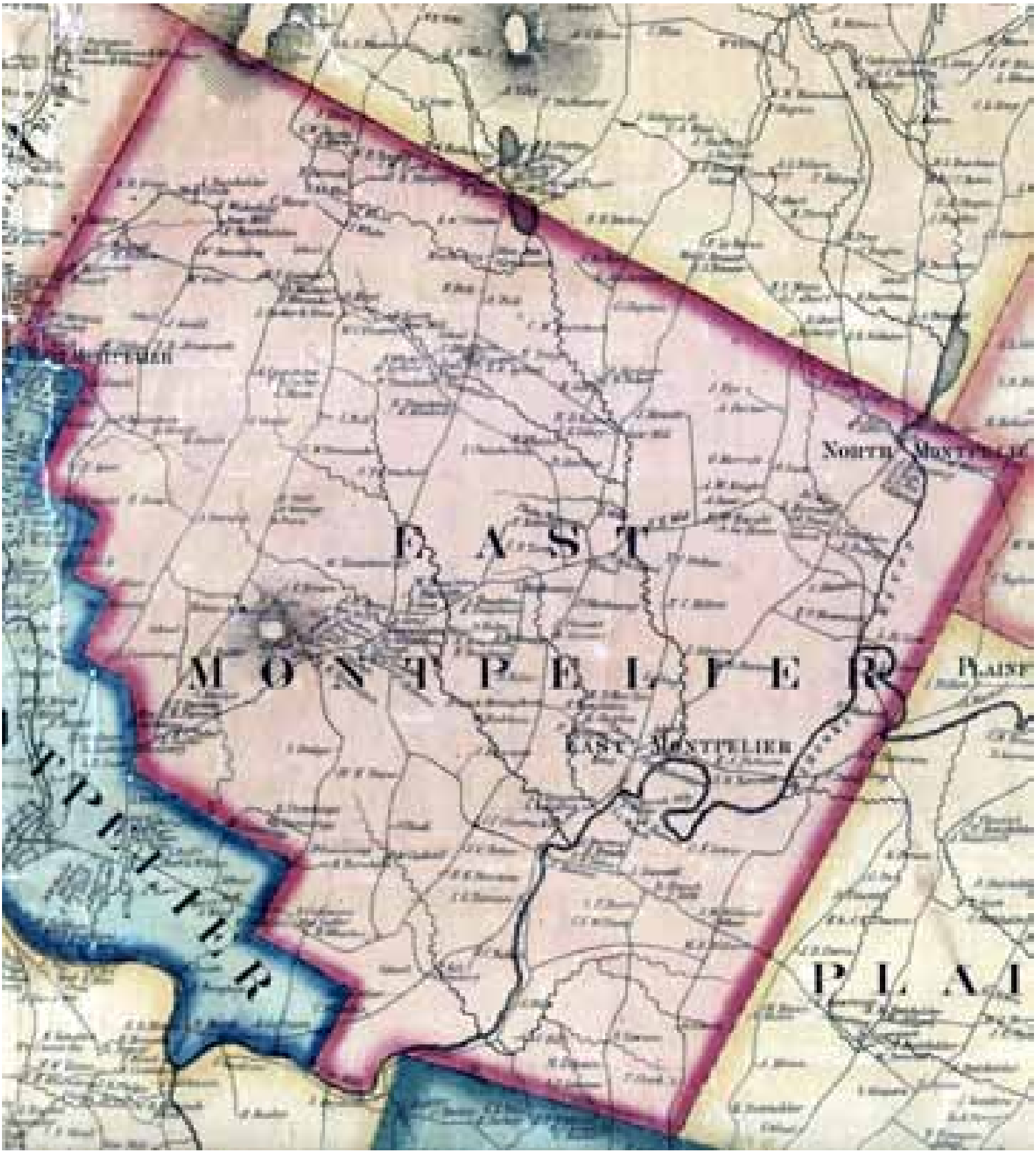

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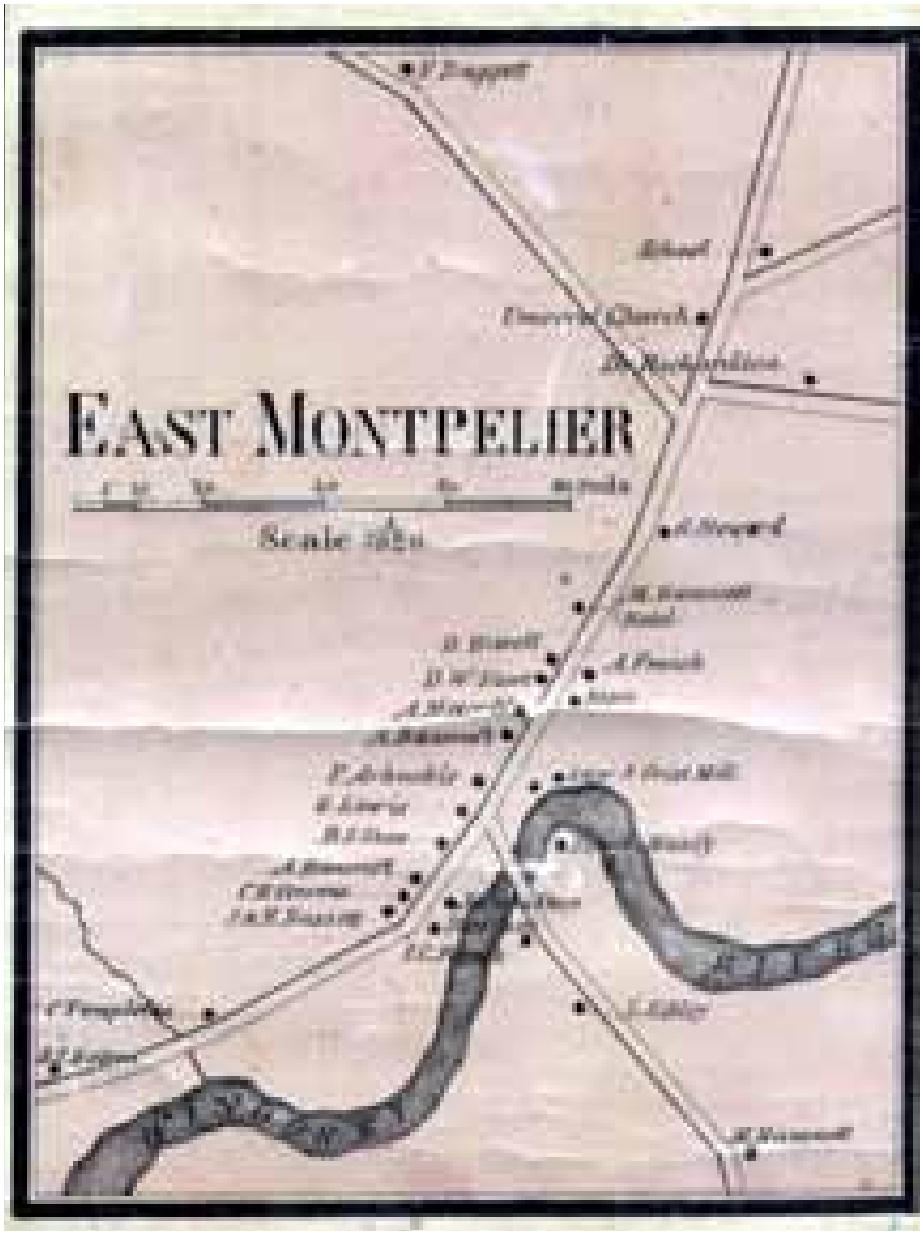

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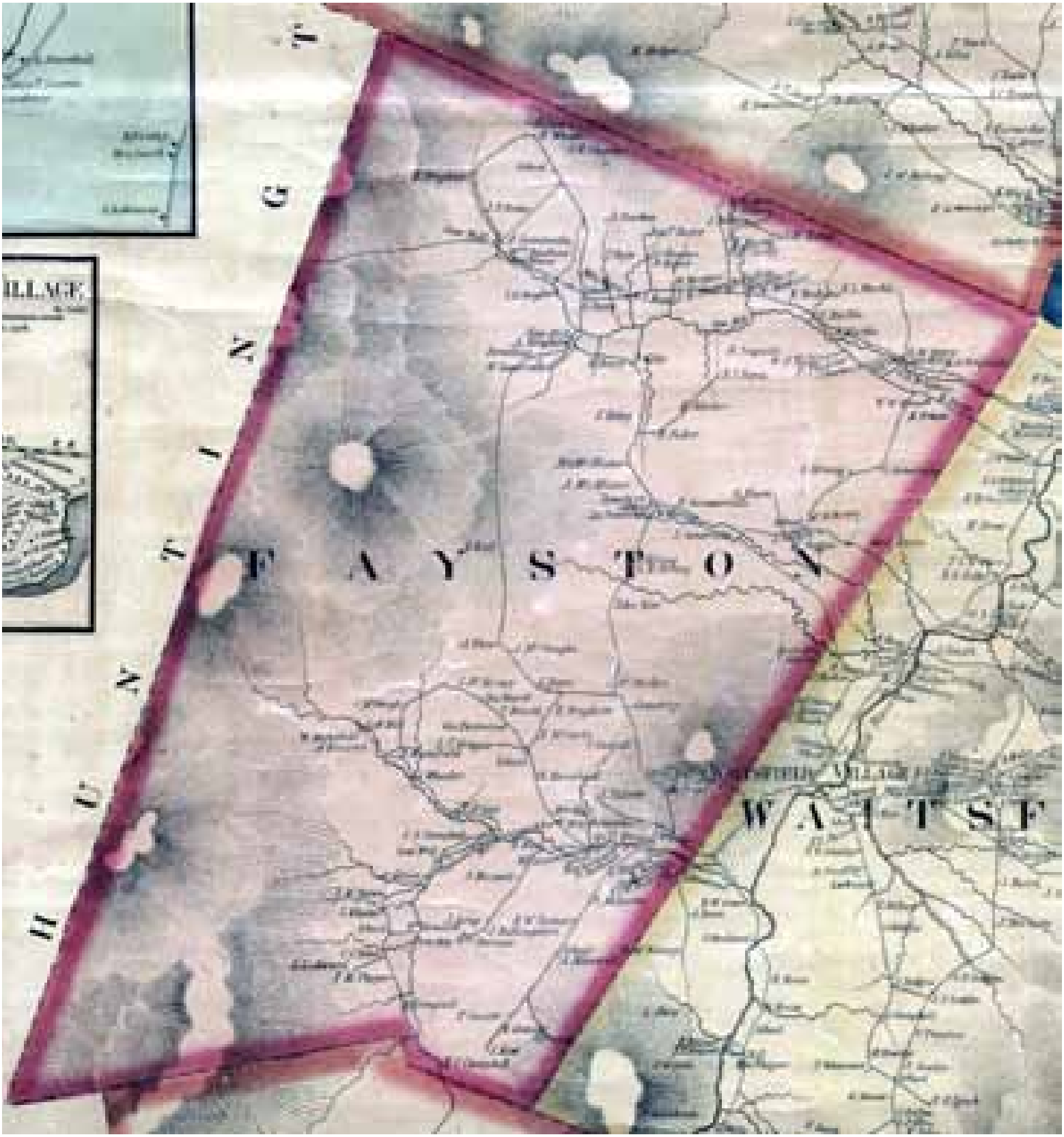

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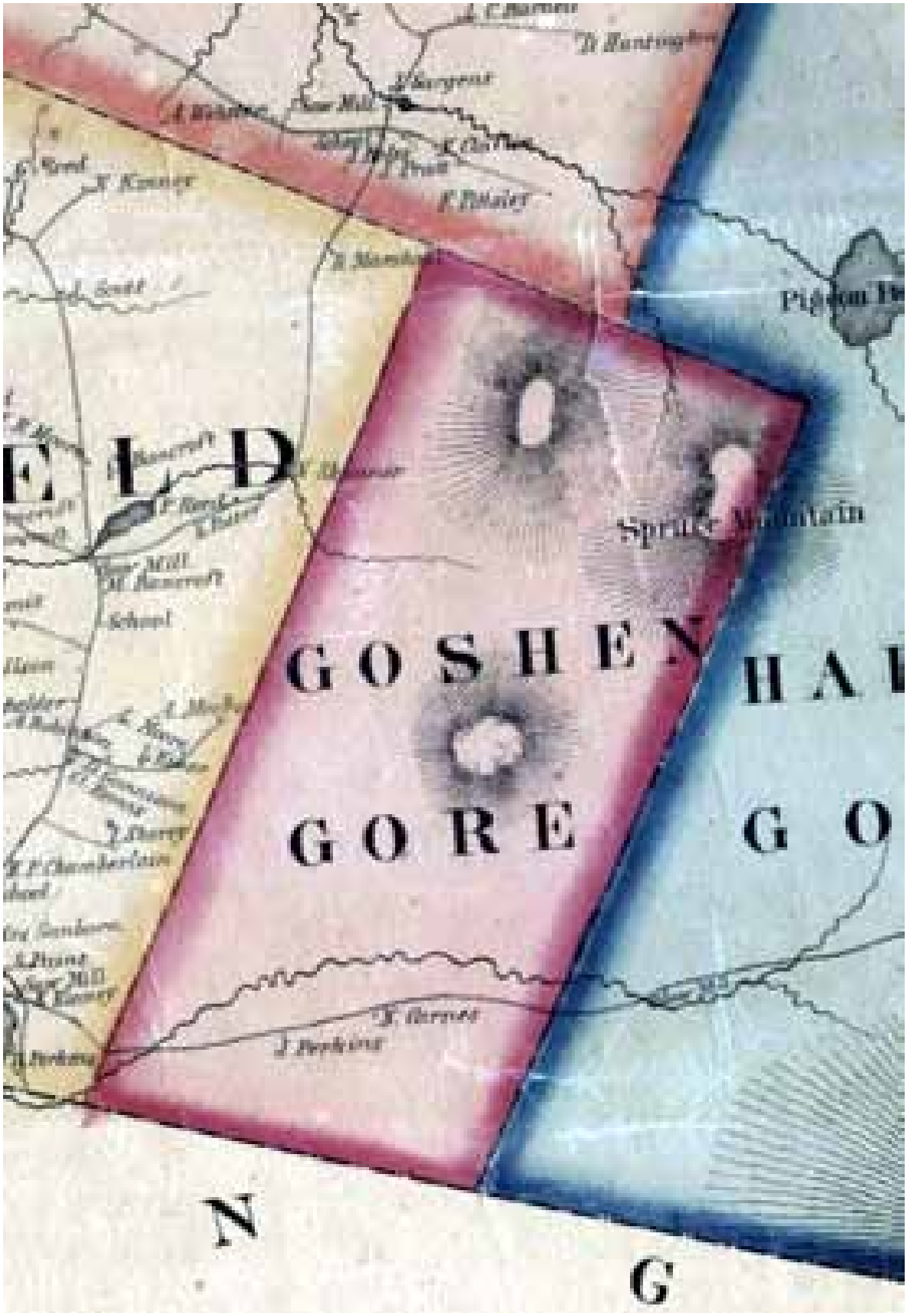

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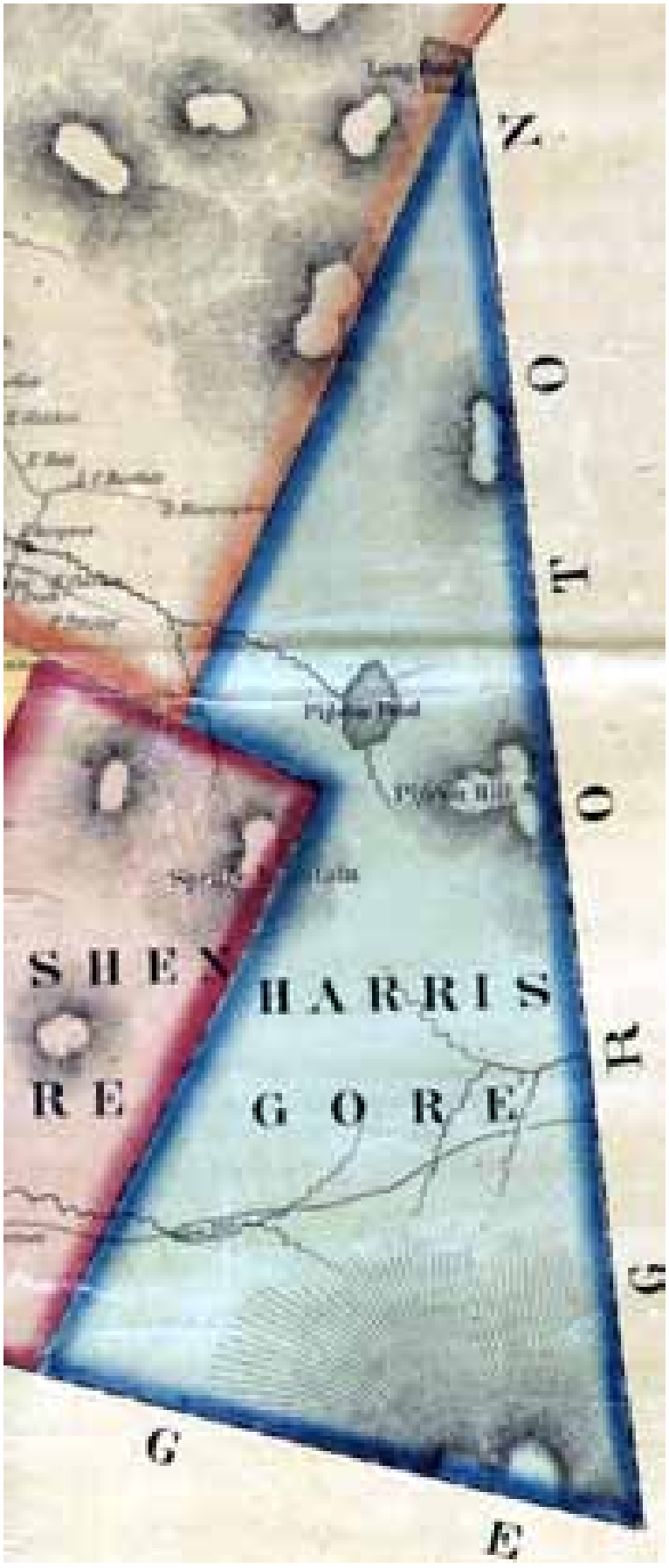

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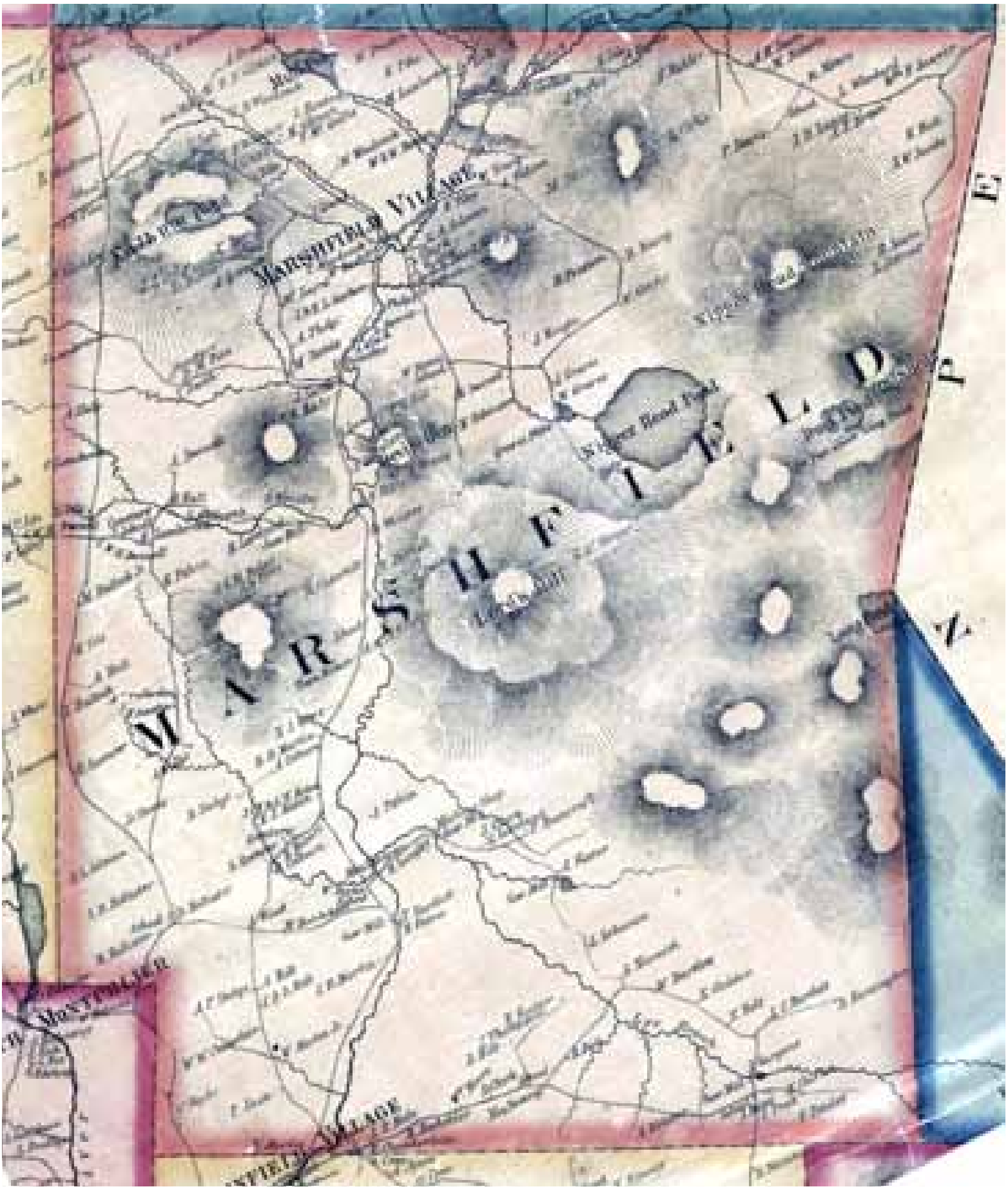

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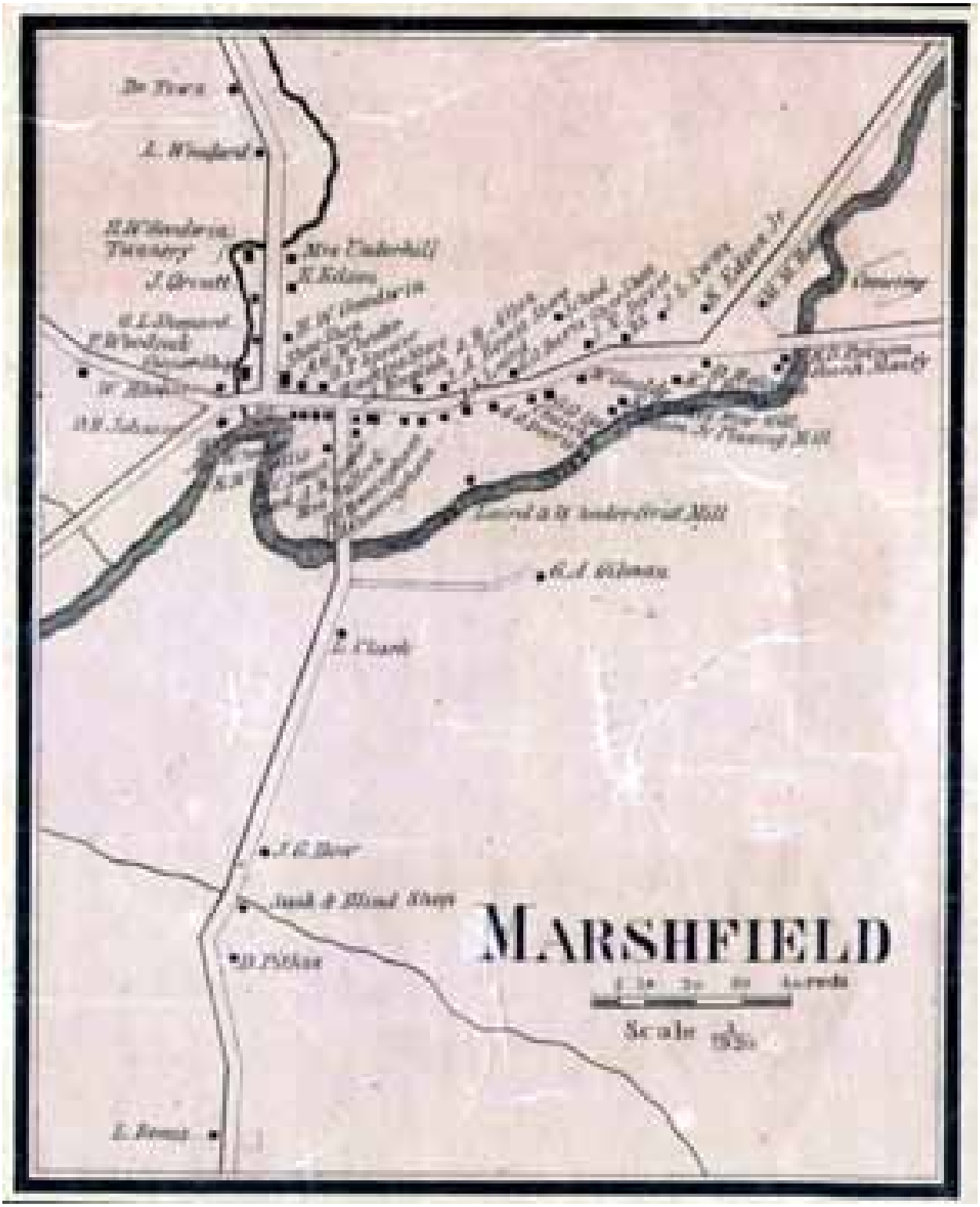

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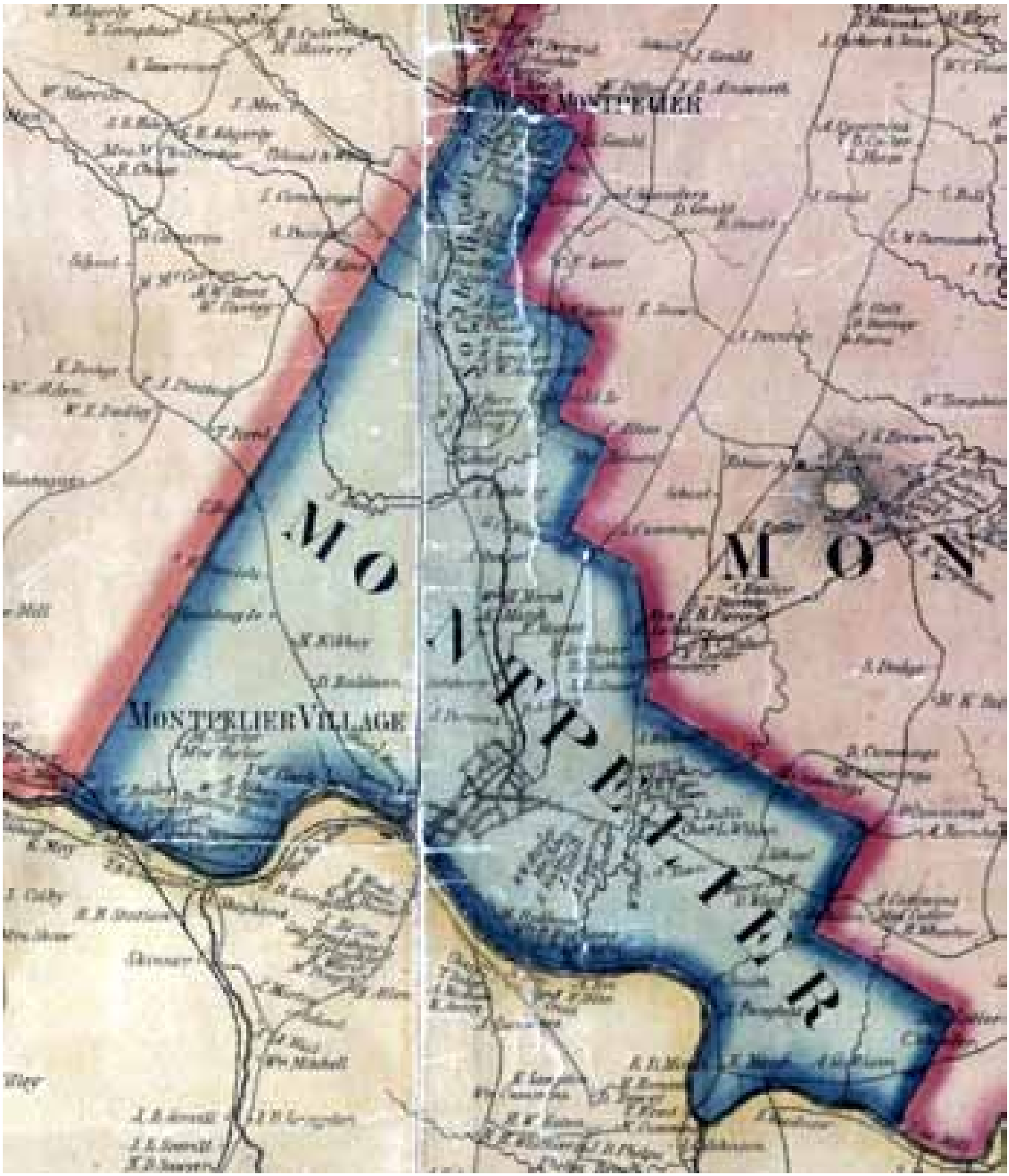

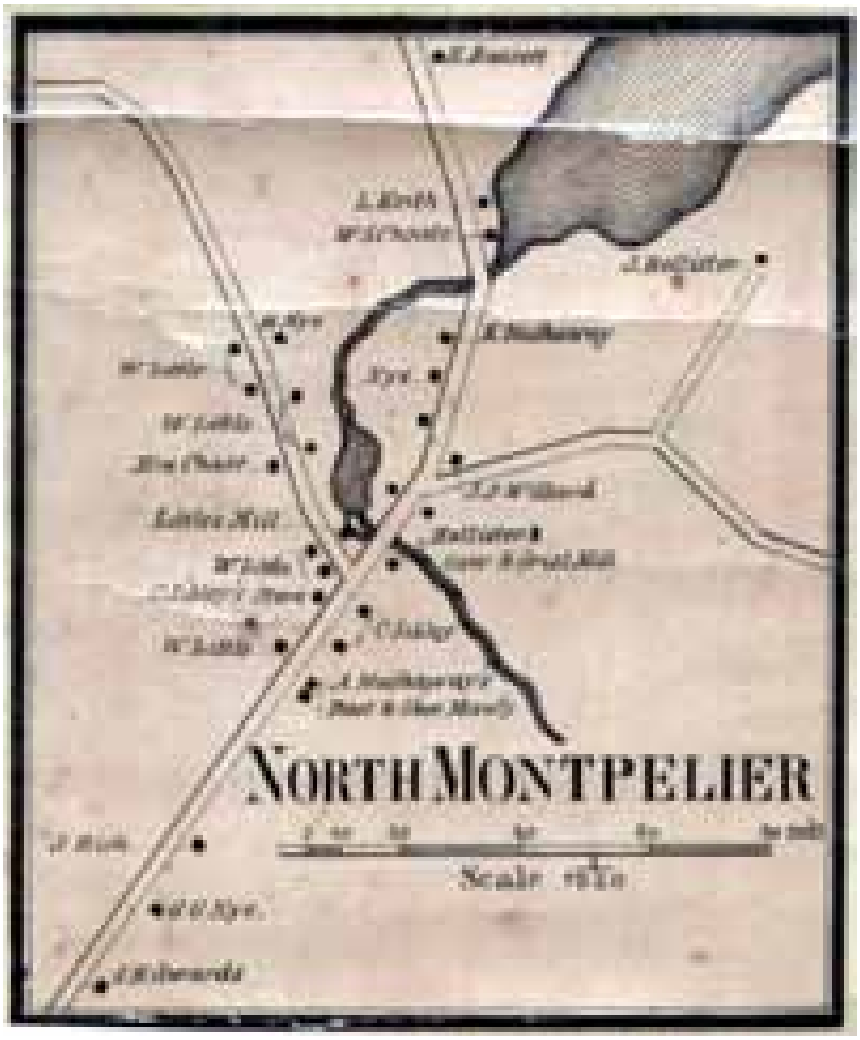

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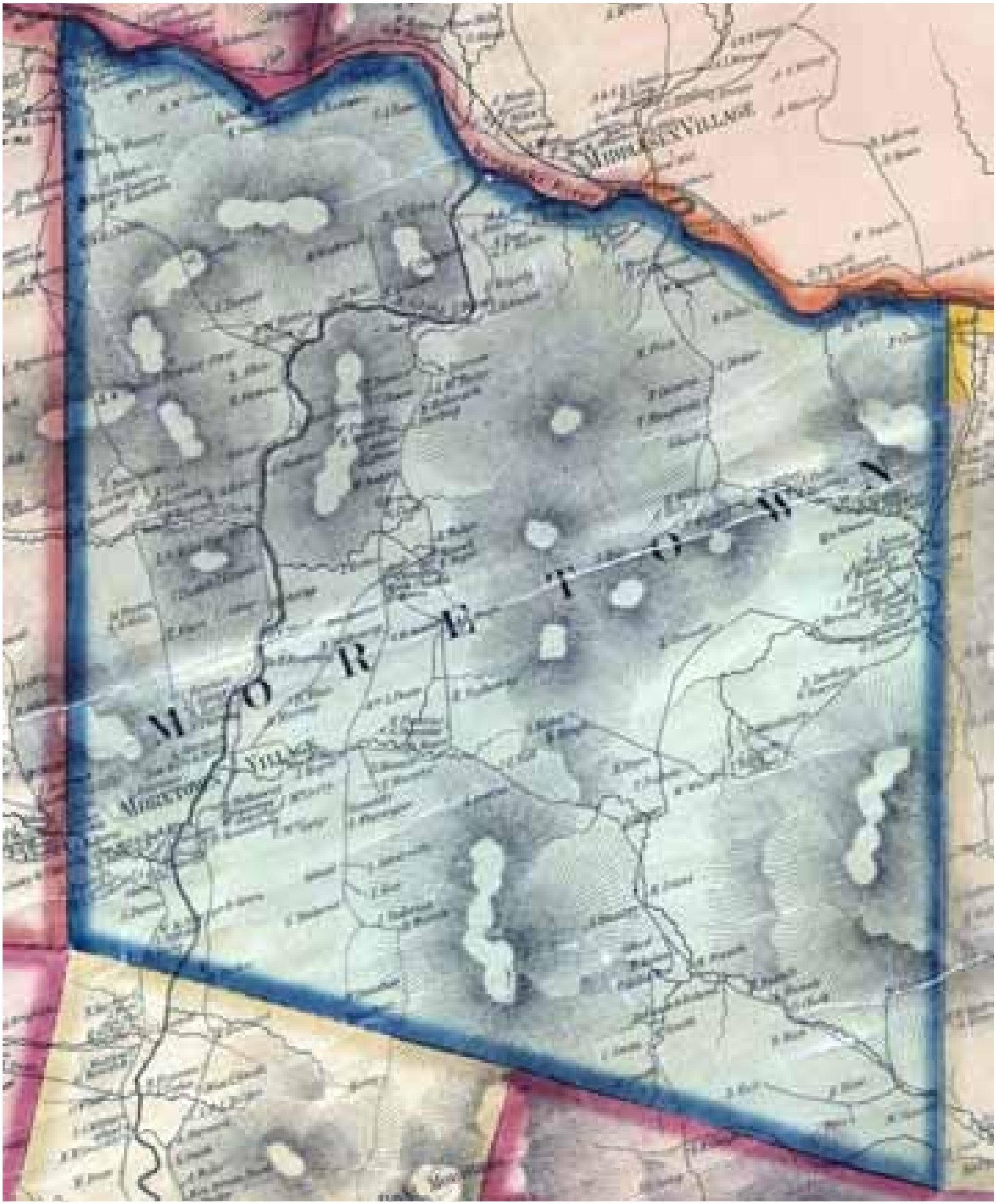

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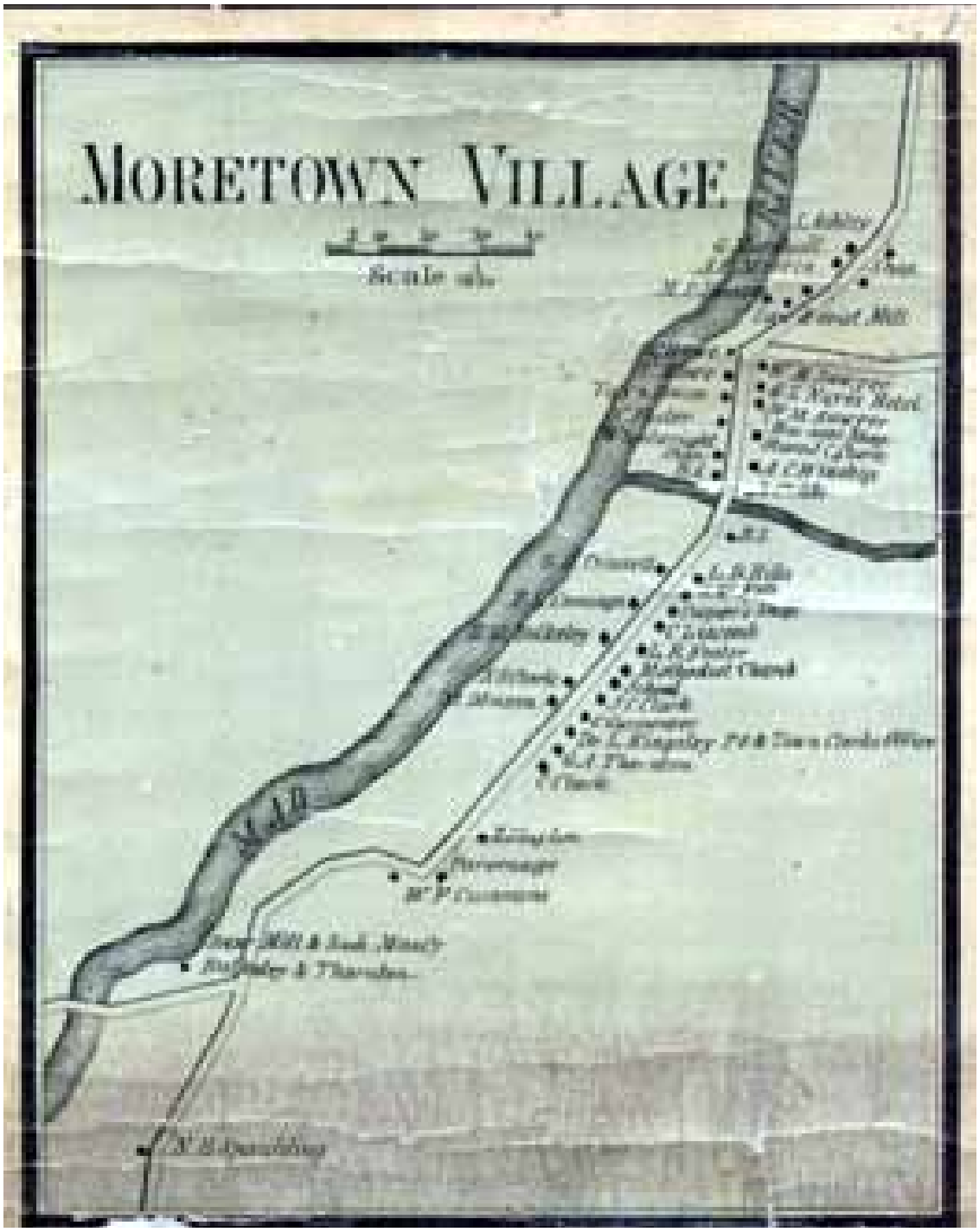

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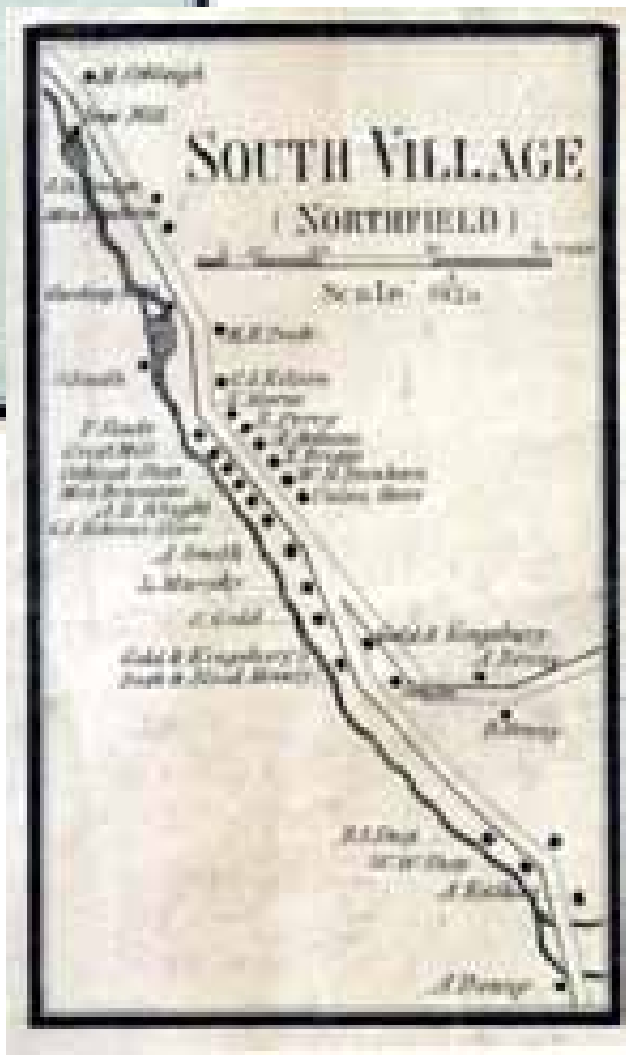

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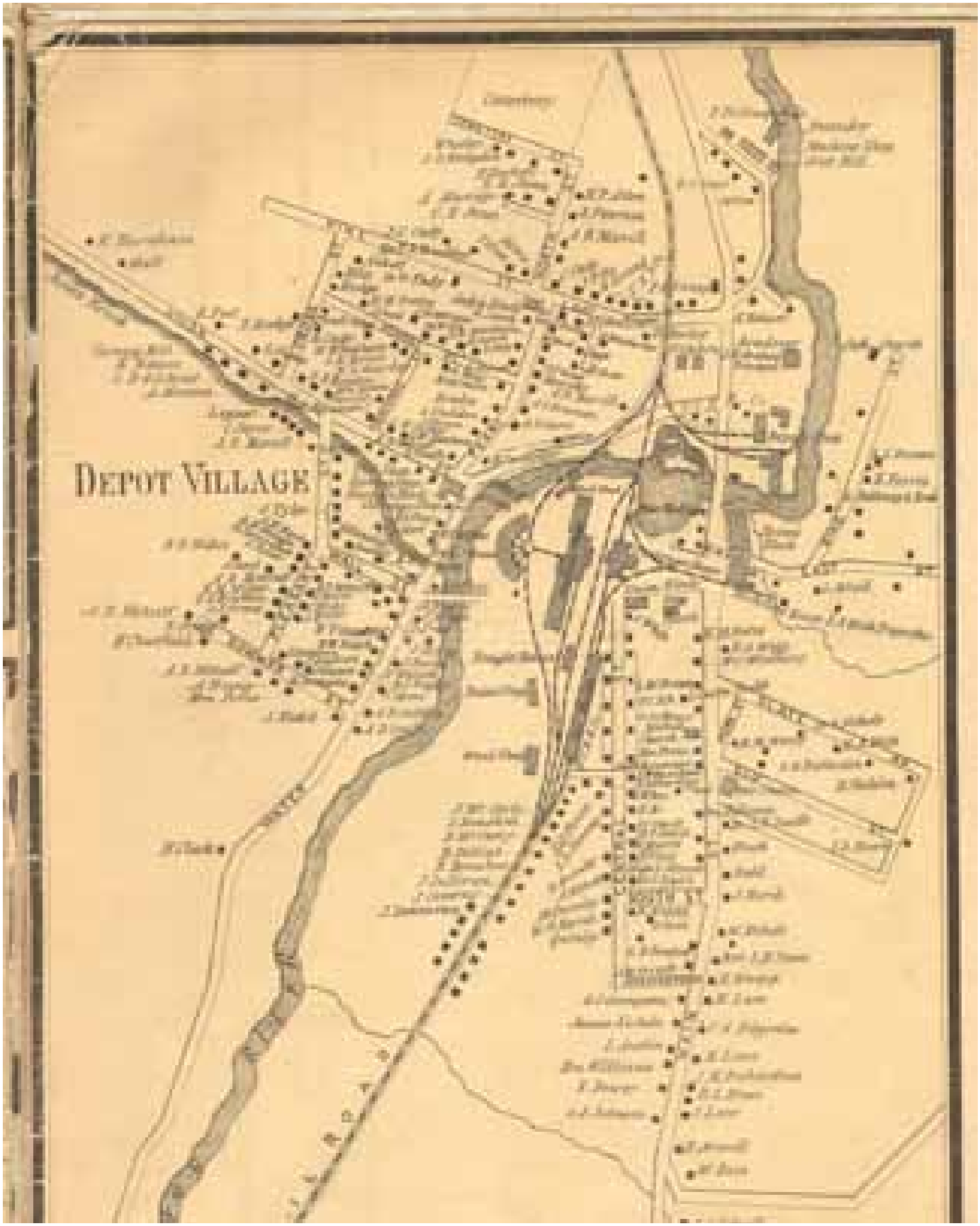

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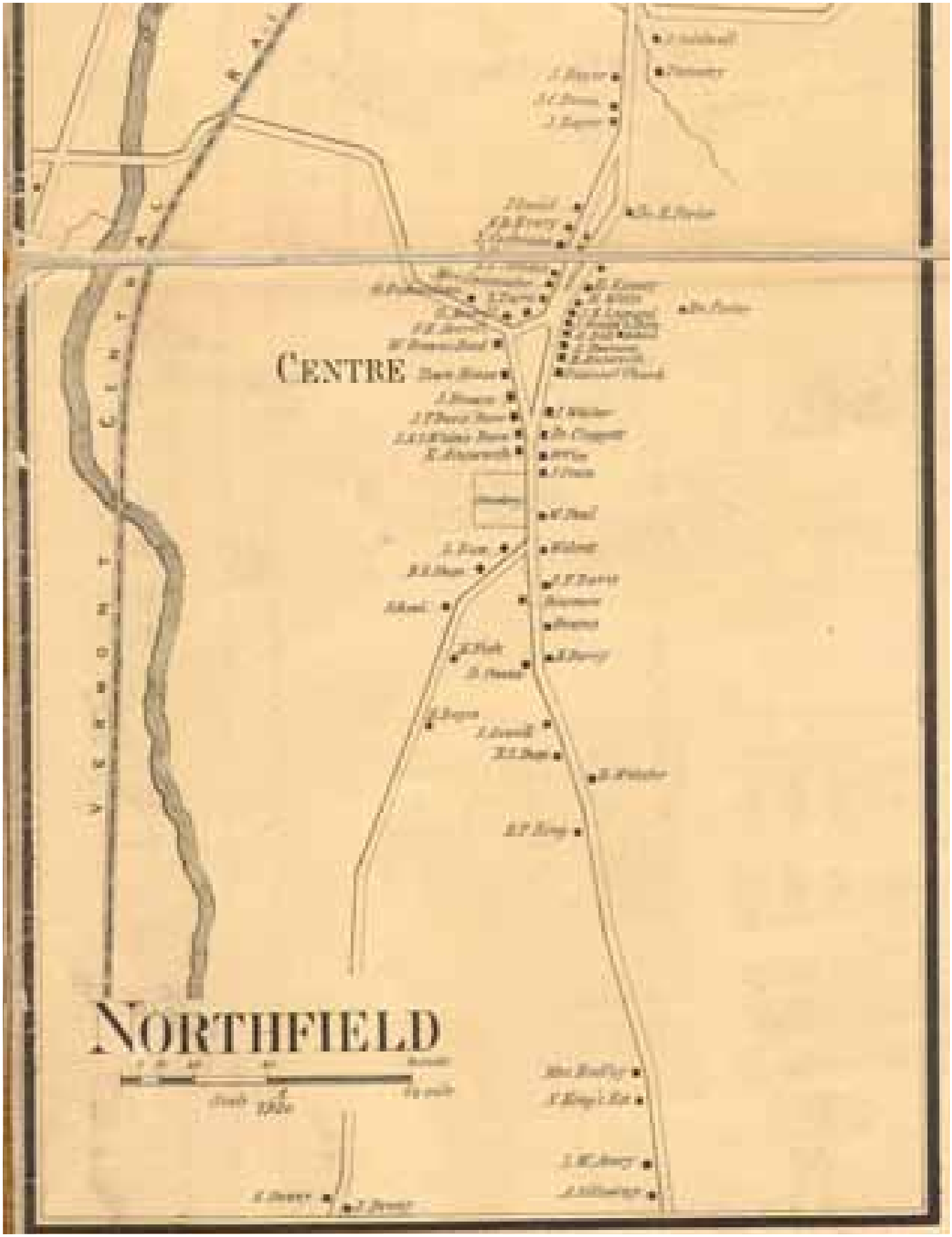

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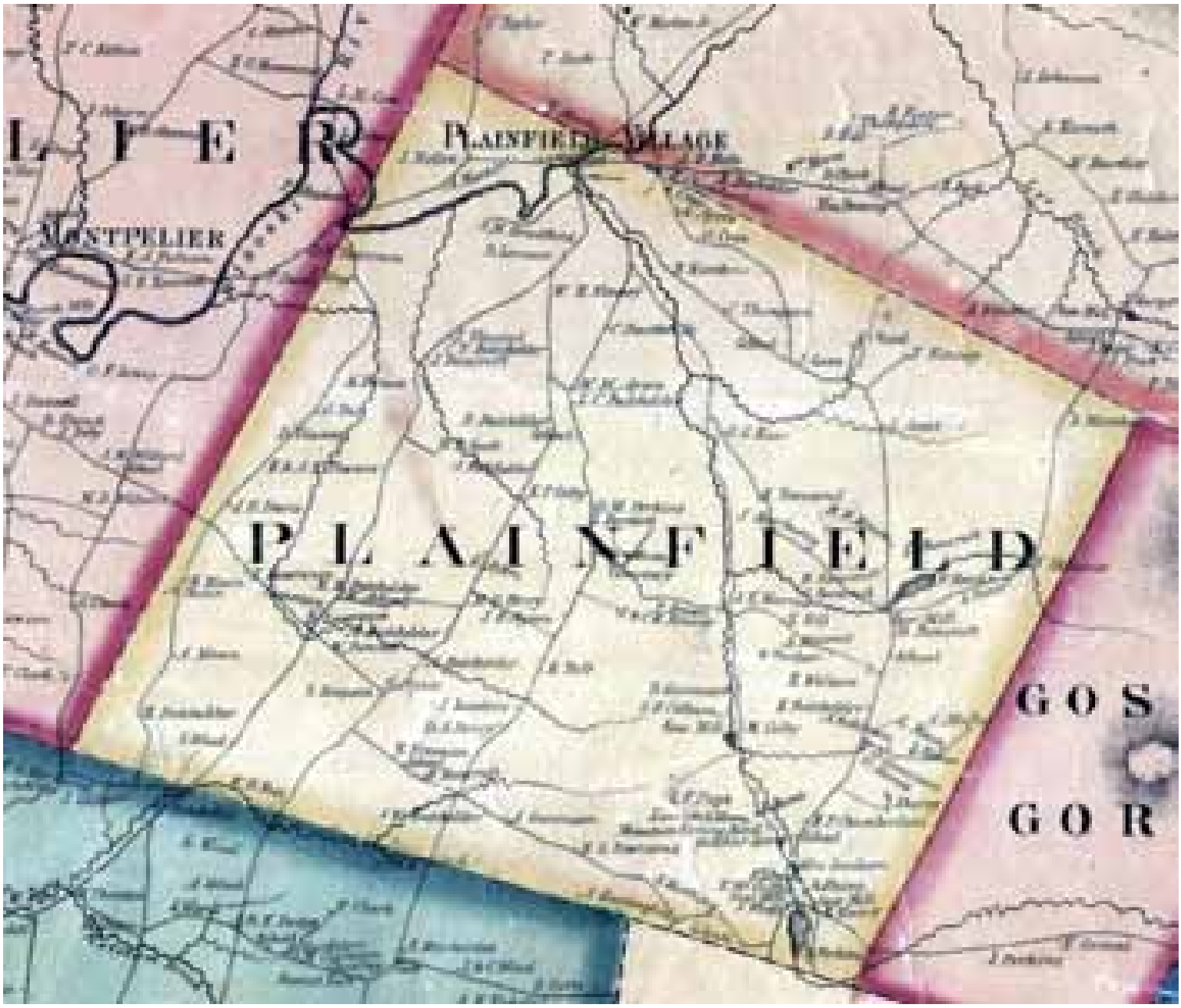

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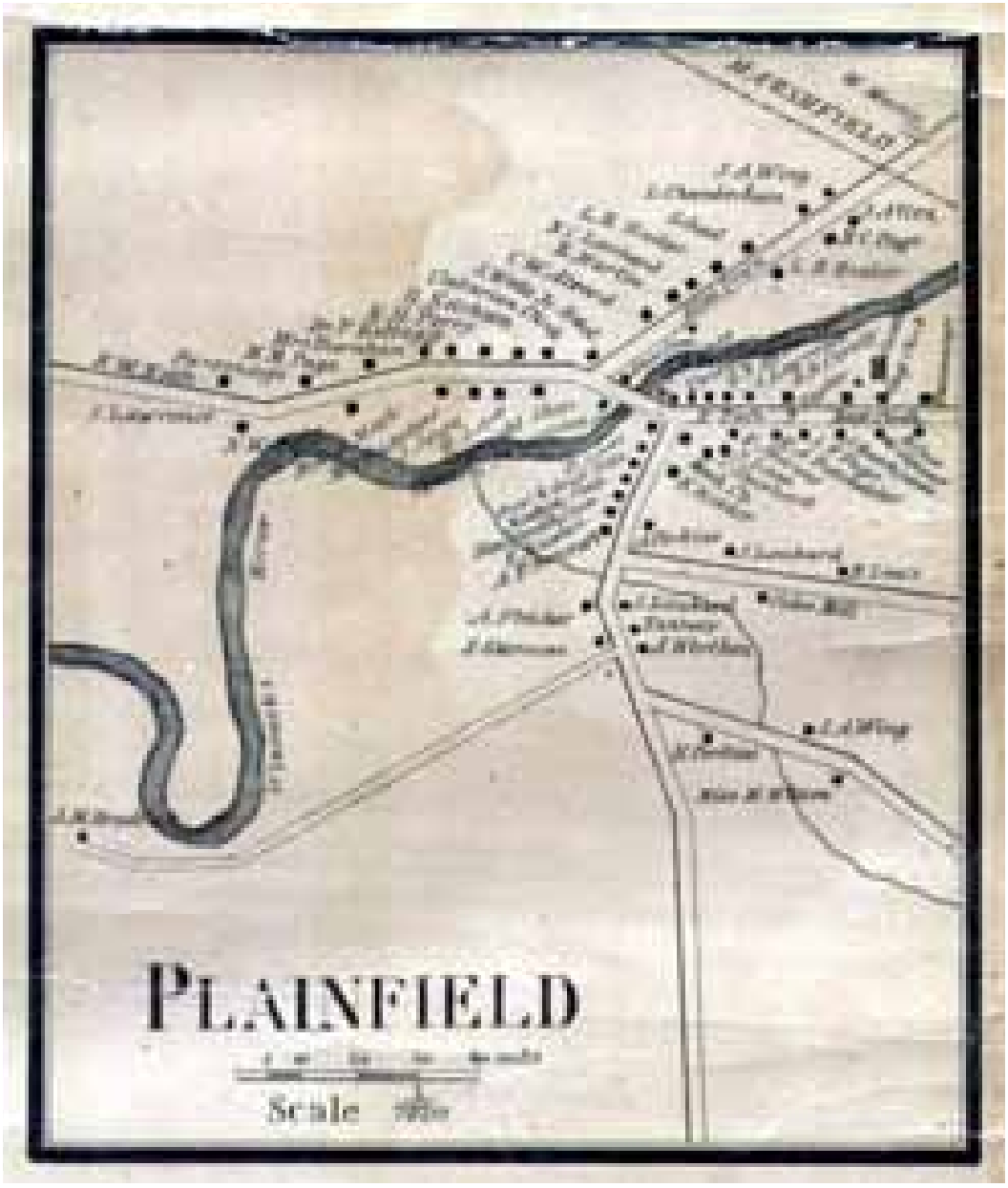

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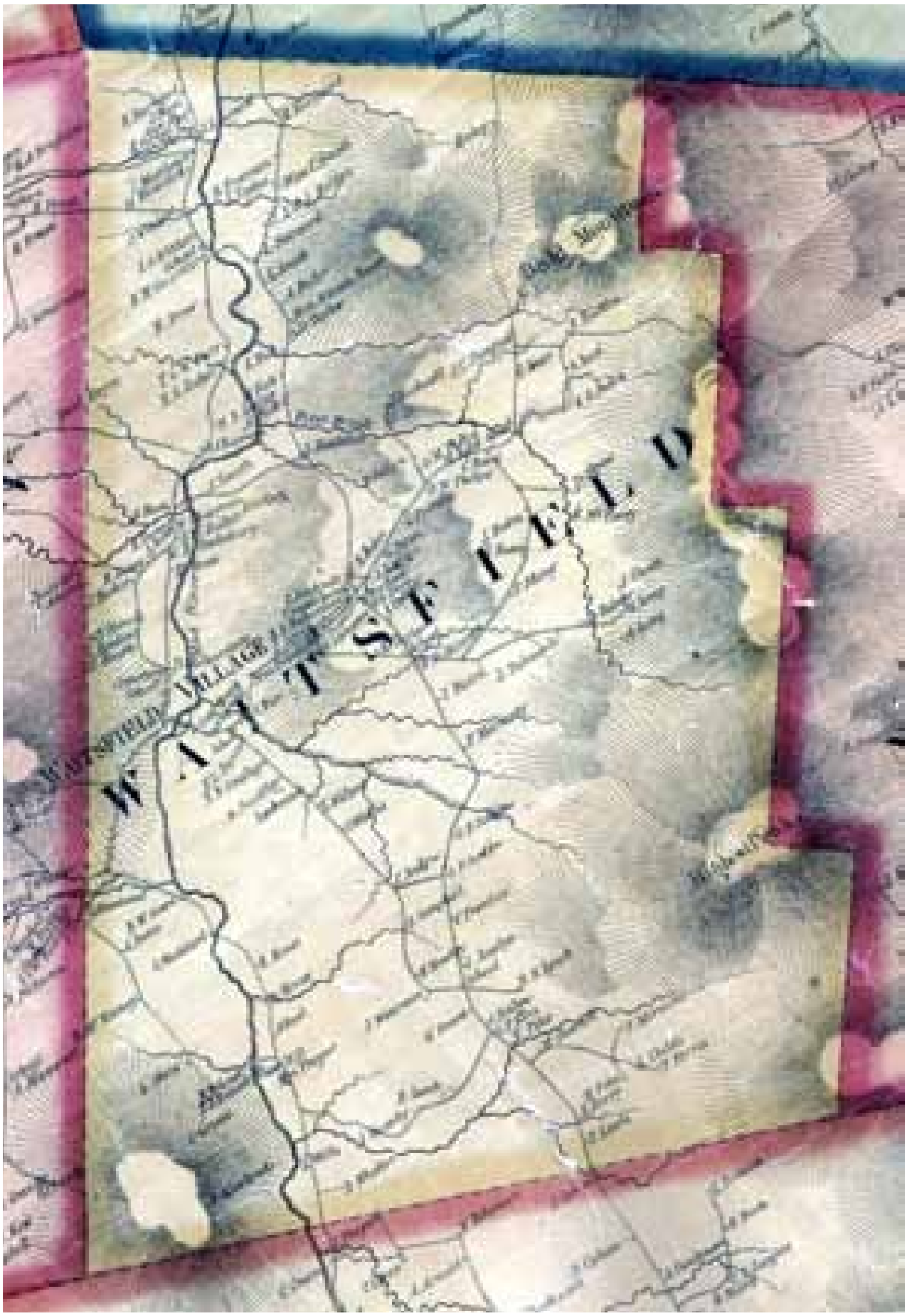

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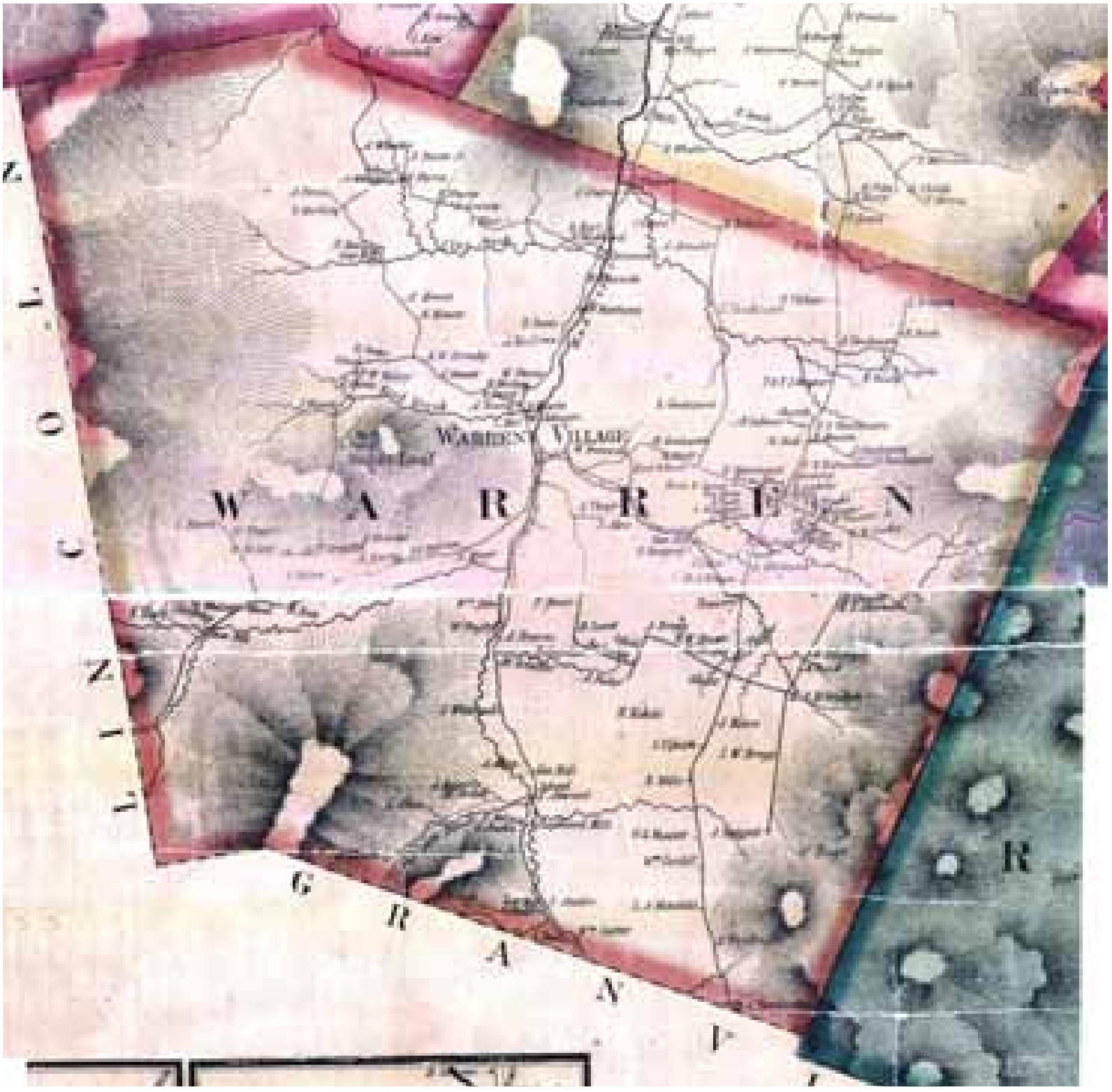

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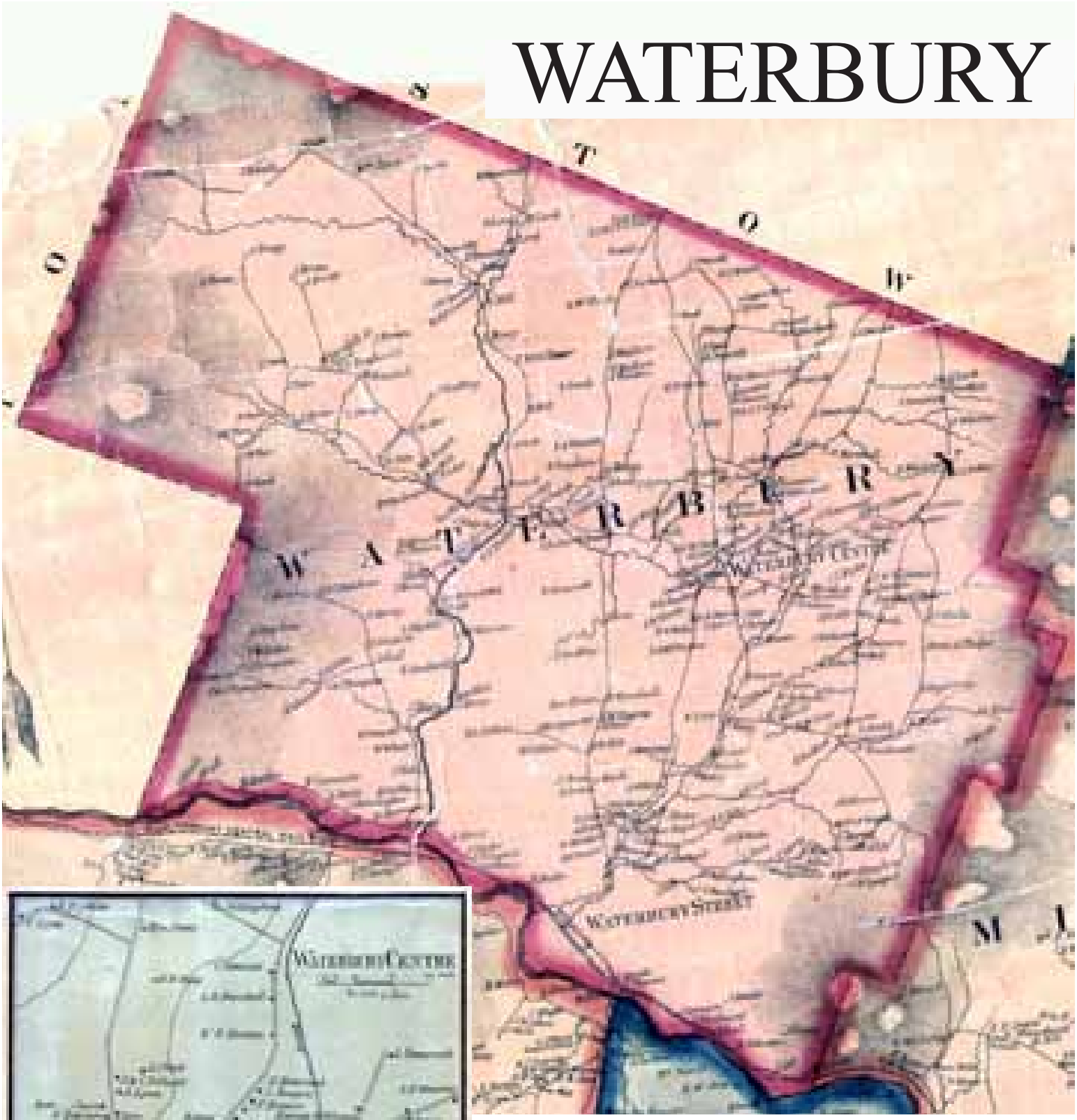

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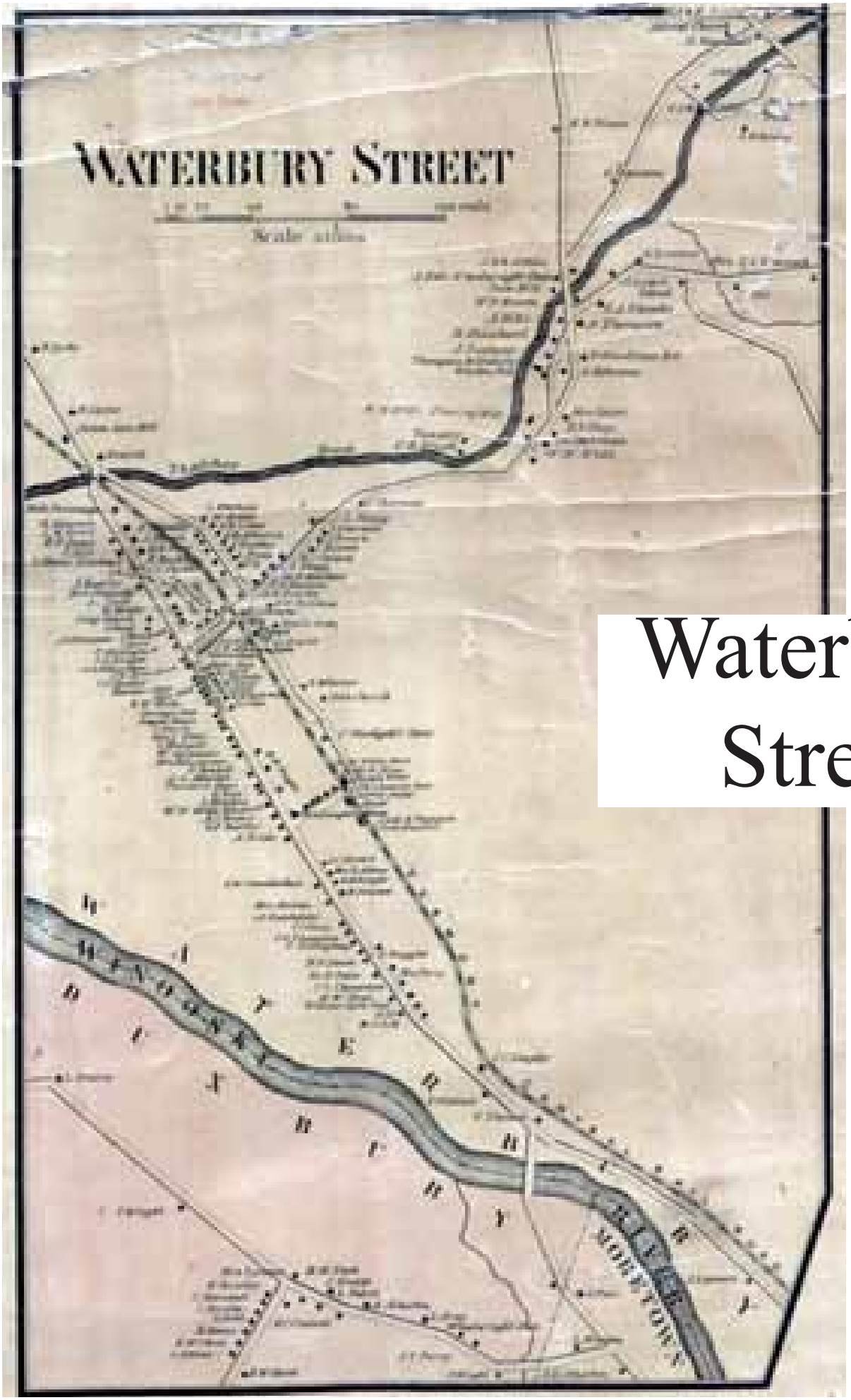

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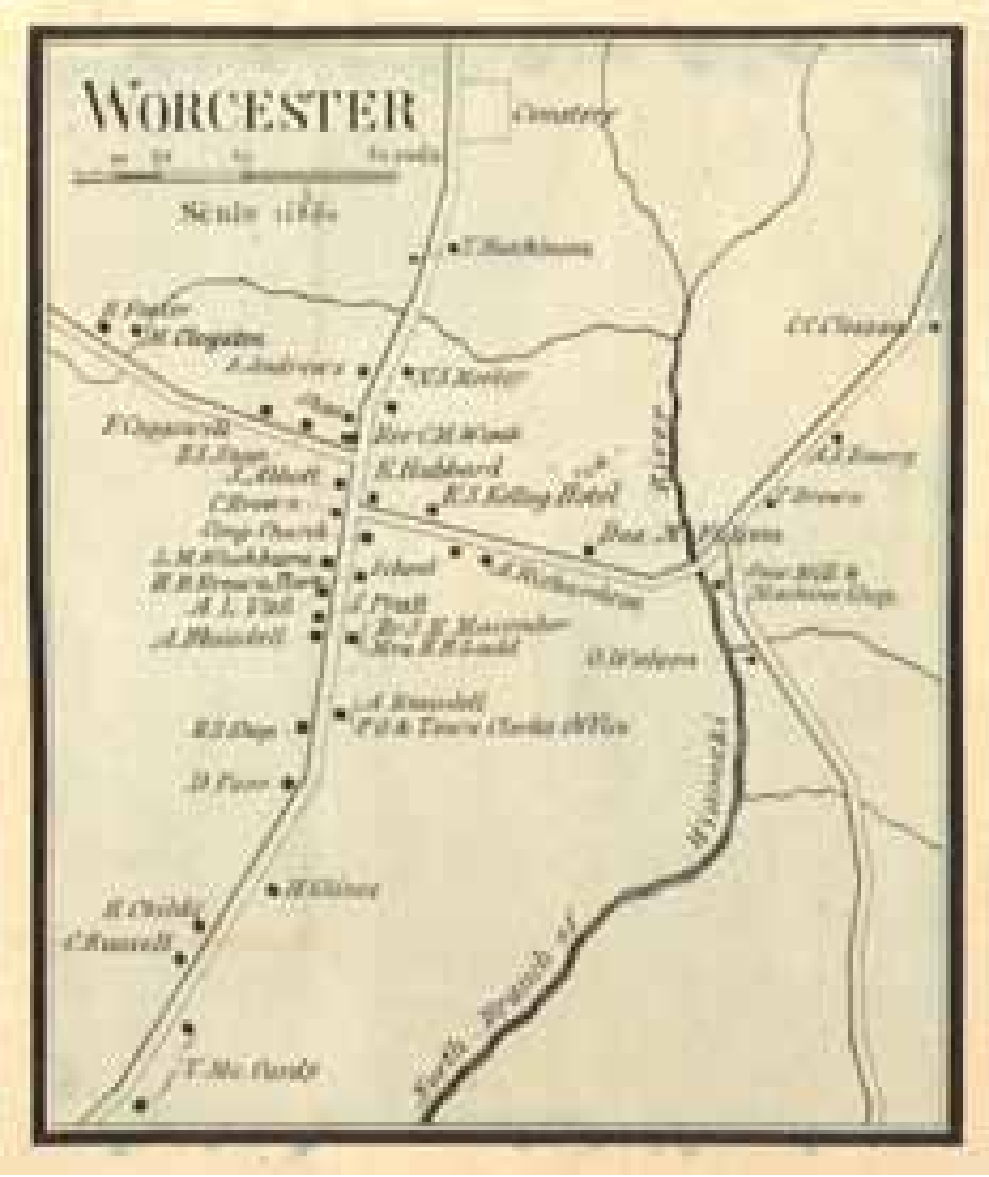
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In addition to the many detailed village maps, the margins of the 1858 map also contain some historical data and several pictures.

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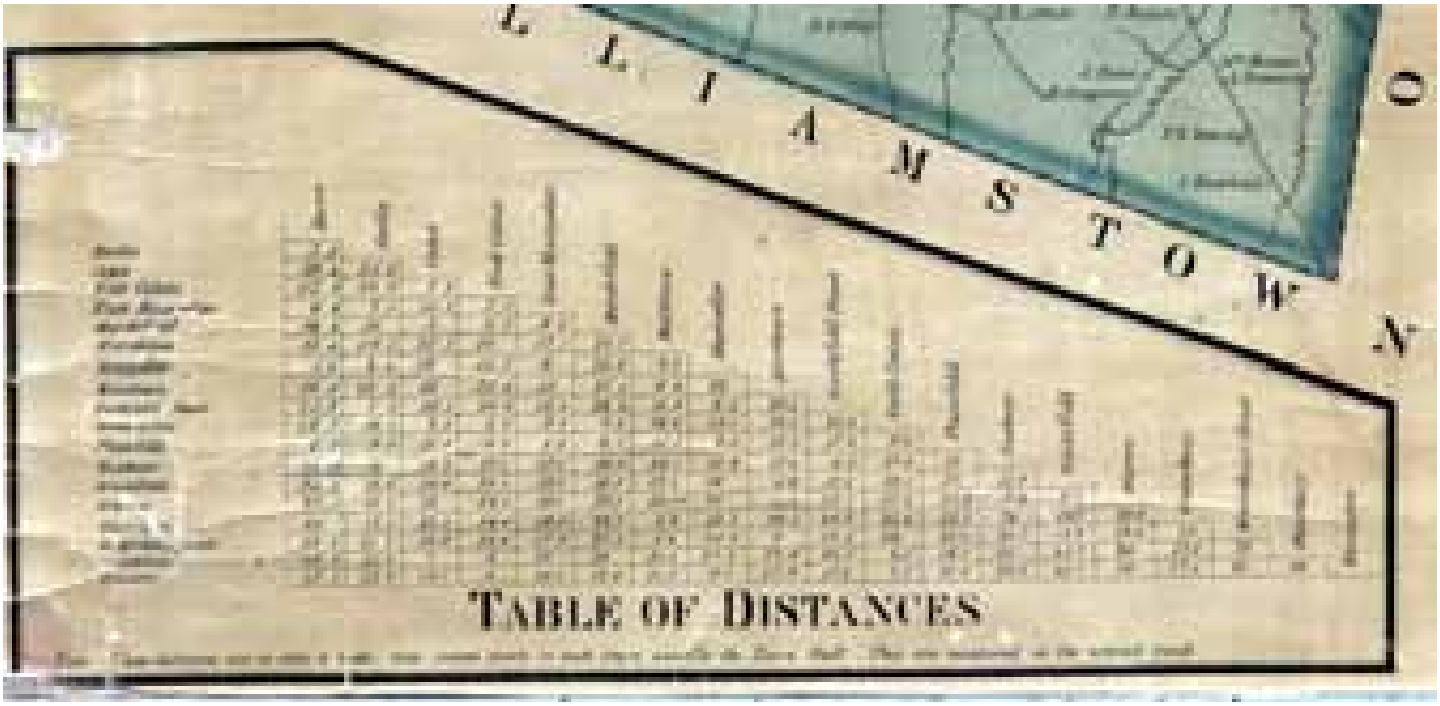

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